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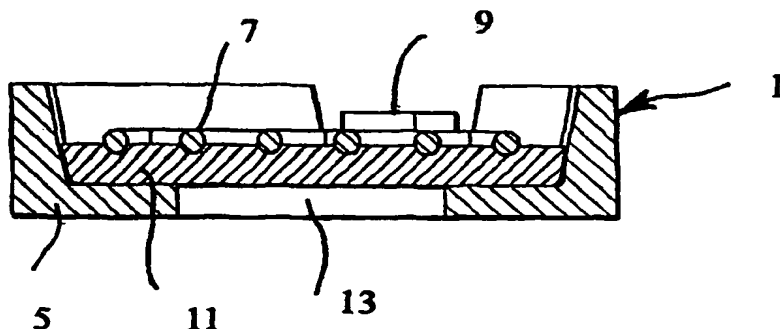
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density; and (3) heat treating the pressed body at a temperature in the range from 400 degrees Celsius to 1000 degrees Celsius to effect hardening.

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